

Lobsang Tsering (m)

Adoption Status: Not Adopted

Country: China

Occupation: Monk from Kirti monastery in Tibet.

Detained Since: August 2012

Charges: "Intentional homicide" of eight Tibetans in Ngaba.

Sentence: Sentenced to death



Additional: In December, the police announced that they had accused Lobsang of inciting the self-immolation of eight Tibetans, even though five of the self-immolations never occurred.

Lobsang was denied the right to a fair trial, according to Xinhua, a state run news agency, acknowledged that Lobsang was not represented by a lawyer during the court proceedings. Additionally, despite a claim made by a judge who told the *Global Times* that: "authorities obtained sufficient evidence showing it [the alleged crimes] had been instructed by 'forces from abroad.'" According to Xinhua, the only documented form of evidence presented by the court was two confessions made by Lobsang and his nephew, Lobsang Tsering, who was also arrested and tried under the same charges as his uncle. In their statements, they admitted to encouraging Tibetans to self-immolate under the instructions of the Dali Lama. Many question the accuracy of these confessions because Chinese authorities are known to use torture to extract information out of detainees, and it is feared this may have happened in this case.

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